



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Crop Plantings Mostly Behind Normal

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from normal to six degrees below normal for the week ending May 4. Eastern and Northern Idaho received adequate precipitation while Southwest Idaho received only a trace. Major agricultural activities included moving cattle to spring pastures, planting corn for grain, barley, spring wheat, potatoes, and oats.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 9% very short, 20% short, 65% adequate, and 6% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2008	2007	Avg.
Onions Emerged	85	77	82
Oats Planted	61	77	64
Oats Emerged	38	46	39
Field Corn Planted	19	39	28
Lentils Planted	8	43	49
Lentils Emerged	--	6	16
Winter Wheat Jointed	6	43	37
Winter Wheat Boot Stage	--	6	1
Dry Beans Planted	1	11	7
Dry Peas Planted	19	55	59
Dry Peas Emerged	4	14	33

Field Crop Report

Spring wheat and barley plantings are still lagging behind average in North and East Idaho. Jerome County extension educator reports that corn for grain planting is delayed due to cold soil temperatures. Corn for grain planting at the state level is 20 percentage points behind last year. Twin Falls reported that the cool weather continues to affect crop growth. Various eastern Idaho counties reported snow and wind on Wednesday.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay and roughage supplies declined to 34% very short, 50% short, 16% adequate, and 0% surplus. There were concerns in Cassia County with poor pasture conditions. Gooding County reported that pasture grass is short, although the last two days of the week were warm and provided good growth.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	9	19	29	33	10
Winter Wheat	--	1	16	75	8
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	9	86	5

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South Central			East			State		
	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	64	80	73	100	99	99	100	100	99	63	78	75	69	82	79
Emerged	10	36	35	100	94	90	84	87	87	23	59	45	29	58	51
Barley															
Planted	58	77	69	100	100	98	96	100	96	34	68	57	54	77	68
Emerged	10	34	32	100	99	89	65	86	76	2	46	20	20	56	37
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	96	82	91	68	79	62	29	29	23	43	45	38
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	99	100	99	98	99	96	98	99	99	98	99	97
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	76	62	73	21	79	60	4	68	61	27	74	63

Avg (2003 – 2007); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Find agricultural statistics for your county, State, and the Nation at www.nass.usda.gov.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, May 4, 2008 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	67	30	47	-5	0.00	-0.42	3.09	-1.13	116	16	-43
Grangeville	70	26	48	0	0.45	-0.22	5.98	0.53	125	15	-17
Lewiston	77	35	54	-1	0.33	0.05	1.25	-1.14	428	83	-62
Porthill	72	26	46	-5	0.12	-0.23	1.76	-1.31	105	11	-23
Winchester	70	26	44	-1	0.22	-0.48	4.09	-1.56	79	11	11
Southwest											
Boise	81	29	53	-1	0.00	-0.28	1.90	-0.79	311	61	-69
Emmett	80	26	51	-4	0.00	-0.26	1.71	-0.86	230	46	-90
Glenns Ferry	81	26	51	-3	0.00	-0.16	1.25	-0.51	243	46	-103
Grandview	82	25	53	-4	0.01	-0.13	0.59	-0.82	288	59	-126
Nampa	79	32	52	-4	0.02	-0.19	1.16	-0.95	302	59	-117
Parma	79	29	53	-2	0.03	-0.18	0.95	-1.27	326	55	-82
South Central											
Fairfield	67	24	43	-4	0.04	-0.19	1.08	-1.39	34	0	-20
Malta	76	21	46	-5	0.04	-0.29	0.85	-1.17	124	20	-75
Picabo	70	28	46	-1	0.00	-0.25	0.91	-1.32	81	7	-20
Rupert	76	22	47	-4	0.00	-0.21	0.60	-1.19	139	27	-50
Twin Falls	76	27	48	-3	0.03	-0.19	1.14	-0.96	170	32	-54
East											
Aberdeen	75	25	46	-3	0.14	-0.11	0.56	-1.16	105	15	-42
Ashton	65	28	43	-4	0.16	-0.28	1.63	-1.74	30	0	-21
Fort Hall	76	26	46	-4	0.25	-0.04	0.99	-1.37	114	13	-57
Idaho Falls	75	26	47	-3	0.17	-0.11	0.88	-1.12	119	18	-39
Lava Hot Springs	72	24	44	-6	0.26	-0.03	2.13	-0.23	85	10	-60
Monteview	74	23	45	-5	0.15	-0.13	0.36	-1.29	70	6	-42
Preston	74	25	46	-5	0.19	-0.16	1.85	-0.73	132	17	-67
Rexburg	73	23	44	-3	0.14	-0.21	1.13	-1.23	64	4	-28

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.

